



On The Vine

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Newsletter

St Mary's CE Primary
& Nursery School

Autumn Half Term I
2025

'Growing Together in God's Love to Achieve Excellence'

Dear Parent

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you all had a restful break and enjoyed time with your families. We would particularly like to welcome our new parents and their children and we hope they will have many happy years at St. Mary's. This half term centres around transition and helping children to settle into their new classes. We hope to welcome as many parents as possible to our Transition Workshops and Meet the Teacher sessions.

Mr. Hitchcock, Headteacher

Individual Photographs

The photographer will be in school on **Thursday 18th September**. He will be taking individual photographs and it will be assumed that siblings should be taken as a group unless we are notified otherwise.

Children may wear a different "top" for the photograph if you wish, but please send school uniform into school, for your child to change into once the photograph has been taken. Other school uniform should be worn as normal.

Photographs for the children in Nursery will commence at 8.45am. If your child does not normally attend for a Thursday morning session but you would like them to have their photograph taken, please bring them in on the day. Please come to the visitor entrance, you will need to wait for your child whilst the photograph is taken.



Book Fair

We shall be holding our autumn book fair on **Friday 3rd October from 1.45 pm.**



There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, and with prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone. If you can't make it to our Book Fair, try the discounted Gift Vouchers available at www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents. They're a great way to ensure your child doesn't miss out.

Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get **FREE BOOKS** for our school library! As is customary, children may be collected from the classroom in order to visit the book fair. Having visited the book fair children may be taken home if accompanied by an adult. There is no requirement to purchase a book from the fair. Please inform your child's class teacher, by letter, if you would like him/her to be taken by another adult.

Pre-loved Blazer Sale

On **Friday 3rd October**, we shall be holding a second-hand blazer sale.

Blazers will be on sale in the school office from **8.35 - 9.00am** and **whilst you are visiting for the book fair.**

If you have a blazer you wish to sell, please bring it into school, labelled with your child's name and the price you wish to sell at. We will be happy to sell the blazer on your behalf.



Harvest Festival Church Service

In the next few weeks we will be contacting you and asking for donations for **non-perishable food** to donate to local foodbanks as part of our Harvest Festival service at St Mary's Church on **Thursday 9th October**.



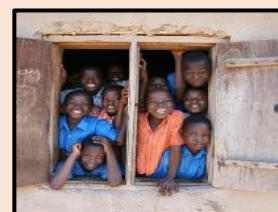
Students from Reception to Year 6 will attend the Service at St Mary's Church, all children, with the exception of Nursery, should be taken directly to Church on that day. Please do not allow children to enter the Church until the teaching staff arrive. On this occasion, the service is for children only and not family members.



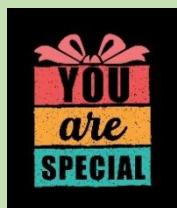
Own Clothes Day

For many years we have supported the JOY School in Uganda, which stands for 'Jesus first, Others, then Yourself'. As a school we have raised money to support the projects they have undertaken such as building classrooms and we have purchased fixed playground equipment for the JOY school.

We shall be holding an own clothes day on **Friday 24th October** in support of this very worthwhile charity. We would suggest a minimum donation of **£1.00**.



"We Are All Special" Board



We like to celebrate our children's achievements and efforts from outside school as well as their achievements in school. We do this by displaying photographs of children on a display board in our corridor. The photograph could be about any achievement outside school of which your child is proud.

Previously these have included sports, dramatic activities, musical activities etc. but could be of almost any activity. If you would like to share your child's achievements in this way, please email a photograph to the school office - office@st-marys.trafford.sch.uk. Please also indicate the activity if there is any ambiguity. We look forward to seeing the photographs.

Notices

Absence from School

Please could we request that where possible, appointments for routine dental or doctor's appointments are made after school or during holidays, as appointments made during the school day causes disruption to your child's education. Crucial to the school's continued success is a strong partnership with parents, where we all work together with common purpose. We look forward to enhancing our partnership further and thank you for your continued support.

If you wish to request absence from school, a form is available from the school website, however, as you may be aware **requests for absence will only be granted in compassionate or exceptional circumstances**.

Attendance Matters



School Uniform

Children are still allowed to wear their summer uniform until October half term. As it gets cooler, please could you ensure that your child has a winter coat or at least a waterproof jacket with them every day rather than just a blazer.

Please ensure that items are **clearly labelled**. A school uniform list is available to view on the school website at www.st-marys.trafford.sch.uk.

When we return to school after the October half term holiday, the children should wear their winter uniform: white shirt, tie, sweatshirt/jumper trousers/skirt.



PE Kits (Reception to 6)

You should have received a timetable of PE days when children should come to school in their PE Kits blue school shorts and white polo T-shirt & black jogging bottoms - **not cycling shorts, leggings or football tops**.

Dog owners

Please clear up after your dog, especially on St Mary's Road near the school entrance. We would be very grateful if you could encourage other dog owners to do the same.



Food allergies in School / Healthy snacks

Please could I remind all parents not to bring foods containing nuts into school as a snack, birthday treats or as part of a packed lunch or snack. We have several children with a severe nut allergy and we wish to avoid any incidents of allergic reactions. And sweets sent in to celebrate birthdays must be **Haribo, no chocolate**.

Please could you ensure that any snack provided is healthy. For ideas of what your child can bring in, please see our school website.

<https://www.st-marys.trafford.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/healthy-eating>



Up & Coming Diary Dates Subject to change

Inset day	Monday	01 September 2025		
Inset day	Tuesday	02 September 2025		
School Opens - Autumn HT 1 - TRUST	Wednesday	03 September 2025	08.35am	
Nursery home visits	Wednesday	03 September 2025	30 min visit	Nursery
Nursery home visits	Thursday	04 September 2025	30 min visit	Nursery
Nursery home visits	Friday	05 September 2025	30 min visit	Nursery
Existing Nursery children return to school & Settling in sessions for new children 8th/9th	Monday	08 September 2025	All day	Nursery
Weekly Judo begins - Year 3 - 6 lessons until 14th October	Tuesday	09 September 2025	10.00 - 11.00	Year 3
Show Racism the red card workshops	Wednesday	10 September 2025	All day	Year 3 - 6
First day of nursery patterns	Wednesday	10 September 2025	ongoing	Nursery (selected)
Trafford Secondary School Entrance Exams	Monday	15 September 2025	AM	Year 6
Reception Stay & Play Workshop	Tuesday	16 September 2025	08.50 - 09.35	Reception
Reception & Year 1 Phonics Workshop	Tuesday	16 September 2025	15.30 - 16.15	Nursery, Reception, Yr1
Meet the Teacher - PTA Reps and 5pm Nursery, 5 & 6, 5.25pm 3&4, 5.50pm Yr1 & 2's, 6.15pm Rec	Wednesday	17 September 2025	17.00 - 19.00	All years
Reception Stay & Play Workshop	Wednesday	17 September 2025	08.50 - 09.35	Reception
Individual Photos	Thursday	18 September 2025	All day	All years
Fair Trade Fortnight (Mon 22th sept - Sun 5th Oct)	Monday	22 September 2025	Various	All years
Reception Stay and Play Begins - Tuesday 23rd Sept Coffee morning (after stay and play - 30 mins)	Tuesday	23 September 2025	09.05 - 09.35	Reception and Nursery parents
Nursery How to Help My Child workshop	Tuesday	23 September 2025	08.50 - 09.35	Nursery
Prospective Parent Tour	Wednesday	24 September 2025	09.30 - 10.15	Nursery, Reception
Nursery How to Help My Child workshop	Thursday	25 September 2025	08.50 - 09.35	Nursery
PTA Family Bingo (incorporating AGM)	Saturday	27 September 2025	17.00 - 19.00	
Reception Reading/Writing/Maths Workshop	Tuesday	30 September 2025	17.15- 18.00	Reception
Young Shakespeare (Macbeth)	Wednesday	01 October 2025	9.00 - 11.15	Year 5, Year 6
Stay and Play Coffee Morning	Thursday	02 October 2025	09.05 - 09.35	Reception and Nursery parents
National Poetry Day	Thursday	02 October 2025	All day	All years
Scholastic Bookfair - children can go home after fair	Friday	03 October 2025	13.45 - 15.15	All years
2nd Hand Blazer sale	Friday	03 October 2025	Before & After school	All years
Dyslexia Awareness Week	w/c Monday	06 October 2025	Various	All years

Prospective Parent Tour	Wednesday	08 October 2025	09.30 - 10.15	Nursery, Reception
Harvest Festival Whole School Church Services (donations needed)	Thursday	09 October 2025	08.45 - 10.00	Reception - Year 6
Oakfield Croft Care Home Harvest Festival Celebration – Year 3	Thursday	09 October 2025	13.15 - 15.00	Year 3
Ashton Geography Field Trip - Year 3	Monday	13 October 2025	09.15 - 11.30	Year 3
Weekly Judo - Year 3 - LAST SESSION	Tuesday	14 October 2025	09.40 - 10.40	Year 3
Blue Planet - Year 1 and 2	Wednesday	15 October 2025	All day	Year 1, Year 2
Parents Evening (School Cloud)	Thursday	16 October 2025	15.45 - 18.15	All years
Parents Evening (School Cloud)	Monday	20 October 2025	15.45 - 18.15	All years
Jodrell Bank	Tuesday	21 October 2025	09.00 - 15.00	Year 5
ECO refill shop	Wednesday	22 October 2025	15.15 - 15.45	All families
Own Clothes Day Joy School	Friday	24 October 2025	08.45 onwards	All years
Closing Date for January Nursery Admissions - see website for Application forms	Friday	24 October 2025	All day	Nursery
PTA - Doughnuts/Cookies after school	Friday	24 October 2025	15.15 - 15.30	All families
School Closes - Half term	Friday	24 October 2025	15.15	
School Opens - Autumn HT 2 - HOPE	Monday	03 November 2025	08.35	

Deadlines coming up:

Meals for School trips - a packed lunch will be provided for children who normally have a school meal – please advise the school office if you would prefer to bring your own lunch.

Please complete ASAP Annual Consents and Data Collection to be completed on Arbor

Weds 3rd Sept Year 6 collection arrangement, please sign up via google form <https://forms.office.com/e/7ihSW5ZHvK>

Thurs 4th Sept Year 3 Judo consents to be completed via google form <https://forms.office.com/e/KL8GZUvLsX>

Wednesday 10th Sept, 12 noon Extra-Curricular sign up via Arbor, clubs will be closed after this date

Monday 16th Sept Nursery, Reception and Year 1& 2 Parent workshops, please sign up via google form <https://forms.office.com/e/C7xAxqhiH9>

Wednesday 24th Sept – From this date School Cloud parents evening appointment bookings will be available via the link <https://stmaryssale.schoolcloud.co.uk/> (parent evenings on Thursday 16th and Monday 20th October) – letter to follow

Friday 10th Oct – Year 1 and 2 – Blue Planet trip - sign up via Arbor – letter to follow

Wednesday 8th Oct DEADLINE – Year 6 BikeRight consent forms must be completed – <https://bikeright.co.uk/events/02551410-1e8d-42d5-b821-7f8cc6bbfada/?c=94916>

DEADLINE TBC – PTA Family Bingo, deadline to buy food and tickets – letter to follow

DEADLINE TBC – DEADLINE to order Christmas Card Art via their website

DEADLINE TBC – School Choir - Young Voices sign up via Arbor – letter to follow